

HOUSE RESOLUTION 441

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A RESOLUTION to honor the officers and members of the Tennessee State Association of Elks and welcome them to Chattanooga for The 59th Annual Convention.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize those fraternal organizations that are dedicated to preserving the honored bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood and to improving the quality of life of their members, their families and their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World is one such fraternal organization, whose purpose is to ensure "that the welfare and happiness of its members be promoted and enhanced, that the nobleness of soul and goodness of heart be cultivated, that the principles of charity, justice, brotherly and sisterly love and fidelity be inculcated, that its members and their families be assisted and protected, and that the spirit of patriotism be enlivened and exalted"; and

WHEREAS, the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World has a membership of approximately 450,000 with 1,500 lodges and temples; founded in 1898, the I.B.P.O. Elks of the World continues its theme of charity and love today through various state and national programs funded through membership assessments and donations; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the philosophy of the organization, funds are purposely raised for community-based charitable projects, including scholarships, summer computer/leadership camps for 11-14 year olds, shoes and glasses for the needy, assault on literacy programs, and many other services for the needy of all ages, nationalities and religions; and

WHEREAS, beginning May 22, 2004, the Tennessee State Association of Elks will be sharing fellowship and conducting business with pageantry and promptitude at The 59th Annual Convention in downtown Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, more than two thousand officers, delegates, members and friends of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World will be convening in Chattanooga to celebrate the grand occasion of The 59th Annual Tennessee State Association of Elks Convention, ever embracing their outstanding theme: Using The Power Of Charity To Inspire Our Community; and

WHEREAS, Convention Co-Chairpersons Brother Lee Mosley, Exalted Ruler of Armistice Lodge # 440 in Chattanooga, and Daughter Denise Lattimore, Daughter Ruler of Armistice Temple # 364 in Chattanooga, are working with purpose and commitment to ensure that The 59th Annual Convention will be yet another unqualified success in Tennessee Elkdom; and

WHEREAS, they are being greatly assisted in their important duties by Tennessee State Association of Elks Leaders, Brother John R. Goss, State President from Knoxville, and Daughter Lillian K. Lewis, State President D.O.E., from Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is honored to open its doors and extend a hearty Volunteer State welcome to each and every attendee of The 59th Annual Tennessee State Association of Elks Convention; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the officers and members of the Tennessee State Association of Elks and welcome them to Chattanooga as they convene The 59th Annual Tennessee State Association of Elks Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with Convention Co-Chairpersons Brother Lee Mosley and Daughter Denise Lattimore, Tennessee State Association of Elks Leaders Brother John R. Goss, State President, and Daughter Lillian K. Lewis, State President D.O.E., and Brother Leon A. Jackson, Senior Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, in celebrating "Tennessee State Association of Elks Week" in Chattanooga and across the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.